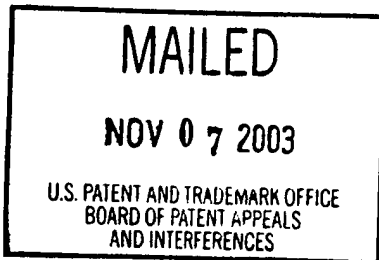


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Ex parte NEELAKANTAN SUNDARESAN

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Application No. 09/323,605  
RA04-0068

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 3, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

Appellant timely filed an Appeal Brief via fax on February 21, 2003 (Paper No. 13). We note that the filing fee for the Brief has not been charged as required by 37 CFR 1.192(a). The cover sheet of the fax, stipulated that the filing fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for

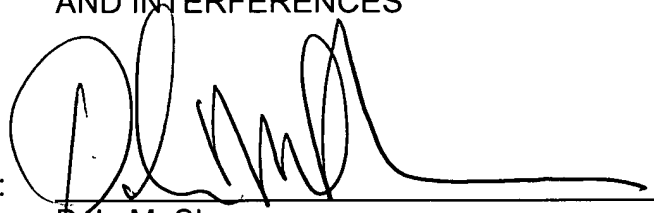
(1) the examiner to have the matter of payment of the Appeal Brief  
filing fee corrected as required, and

(2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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